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SUBJECT: VISIT TO DIEGO GARCIA

REF: A) STATE 161054 B) BANGKOK 12194

1. DURING A CONVERSATION AT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
AS REPORTED PARA 25, REF B, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER MAJOR
GENERAL CHATCHAI ASKED IF HE COULD HAVE AN OBSERVATION TRIP
TO DIEGO GARCIA ABOARD ONE OF THE P-3 "FOOD AND MATERIAL
FLIGHTS FROM UTAPAO RTNB.

2. WE BLIEVE US INTERESTS WOULD BE SERVED BY MAKING CONCRETE
OFFER OF TRIP TO CHATCHAI PRIOR TO ANTICIPATED RTG NATIONAL
SECURITY COUNCIL REVIEW OF P-3 AND OTHER SUPPORT FLIGHT
ACTIVITIES TO DIEGO GARCIA, REPORTEDLY SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 21.
CHATCHAI SCHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY EMBASSY ESCORT OFFICER,
BUT OTHERWISE URGE MINIMUM AMERICAN PARTICIPATION AND
FORMAITIES.

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3. ACTION REQUESTED.

A) REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO CONFIRM INVITATION TO GENERAL CHATCHAI TO VISIT DIEGO GARCIA AND TRAVEL ABOARD P-3 "FOOD AND MATERIAL" FLIGHT FROM UTAPAO.

B) REQUEST SCHEDULES OF ALL ANTICIPATED FOOD AND MATERIEL P-3 FLIGHTS DURING PERIOD AUGUST 13-20 WHICH COULD ACCOMMODATE DV.

C) URGE DIRECT LIAISON BE AUTHORIZED BY MILIPARY COMMANDS TO FACILITATE FINAL ARRANGEMENTS ON SHORT NOTICE FOLLOWING AUGUST 10-12 HOLIDAY WEEKEND IN THAILAND.
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